

Massachusetts Republican Party
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Re: Amended December 2003 Monthly Report (11/1/03 - 11/30/03), received 4/20/04

In response to FEC letter requesting clarification of the following issues, an amended report has been filed

1) "Postage" expenditure- The postage expenditure was for general use postage. Non of the activity was electioneering communications involving federal candidates. (Otherwise, we would have complied with FEC rules and reported it on the appropriate Schedules B, E, or F) We have amended our report to try and make this as clear as possible that the expense was non-FEA activity

2) "Catering", "Fundraising", "Tickets for Fundraising" expenditures- . These expenditures were expenses associated for fundraisers to benefit the Mass. Republican Party. No federal candidates were a part of any of the events, otherwise we would have reported it on the appropriate Schedules B, E or F, as specified in FEC regulations. All expenditures on this report are made to benefit our STATE PARTY, and are non-FEA activity.

3) Clarification of "Administrative Support", "General Consulting Services", "Professional Fees: Consulting":

These expenditures are exactly as stated- expenses associated with administrative support activities (answer phone, type, fax, etc), and expenses associated with having experts and professionals provide us with advice during internal meetings. These activities meet 11CFR104.3(b)(3). Non of the activity was electioneering communications involving federal candidates. (Otherwise, we would have complied with FEC rules and reported it on the appropriate Schedules B, E, or F) We have amended our report to try and make this as clear as possible.

4) Clarification of "Reimbursement Expenses" and "Reimbursement- Meeting Expenses"

These expenditures are exactly as stated- reimbursement to staff members for office supplies, internal Party meeting supplies (pens, paper, etc.) that they paid for out of their own pocket for expediency. All are legitimate expenditures, and did not involve any FEA activity, nor activity involving federal candidates. We have amended our report to try and make this as clear as possible.

5) Refund to P. Andrew McLane- Your letter asked if we wrote a refund check to P. Andrew McLane. This is not correct- the -\$2500 contribution was a transfer from our federal account to our non-federal account. We have been advised that we should have reported it as a \$2500 expenditure on Line 22 instead of a -\$2500 contribution. We have amended the report to reflect this, and will use the correct reporting procedure in the future.